PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

CRAIG T. OLSON AGE: 57

OCCUPATION: Dentist/Dental educator at UCLA Governing Board Member

My wife, Lynette, and I are parents of 8 children attending PYLUSD schools over the past 25 years. Our lives are centered around youth, church and community. We care deeply about our schools.

As promised, I brought a new level of leadership to the school board. My insistence on effective planning produced a five year facilities plan and, for the first time ever, a three year calendar. I consistently demanded detailed accounting of financial and management procedures and boldly introduced the first board self-evaluation.

I have shown the courage to stand up for children. I insisted that finances be spent in the classroom. My efforts consistently embraced an emphasis on reading and math skills, advocating that each child should reach his or her highest potential.

I fought to save our instrumental music program and defended cocurricular activities. I insisted on zero tolerance toward gangs and drugs.

I remain committed to modern facilities, including a high school in Yorba Linda

I am a local dentist and dental educator at UCLA. I am independent, without ties to outside groups or agendas. I remain committed to action, ...and to integrity, excellence and effective problem solving.

I'd love to hear from you. 524-3376. www.CraigTOlson.net.